

REMARKS

The title has been amended in view of the examiner's objection.

The examiner has indicated that claims 72, 91 and 93-96 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 72, claim 31 has been amended to include the features of claim 91 and claim 93 has been rewritten in independent form. In addition, new claims 101-105 have been added.

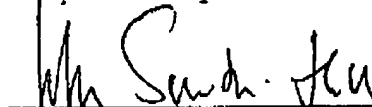
The original claim 93 was in error in referring to "the reference transform functions" because there was no proper antecedent basis in claim 93 or in the claims on which it was dependent. Claim 92 should have been dependent on claim 91, not claim 31, in order to provide proper antecedent basis.

Claim 93, as amended, requires that at least two reference transform functions be applied to the first or second image. Accordingly, claim 93 as now amended is narrower in scope with respect to this feature than the original claim 93, which referred to one or more reference transform functions.

New claim 101 is narrower in scope than claim 93, in that it requires that each transform function be indicative of the relationship between two digital optical images recorded under different respective known illuminant lights.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the independent claims now of record are patentable. It follows that the dependent claims also are patentable.

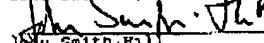
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